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SUBJ: PPP WINS BY-ELECTION

1. AS PREDICTED, PPP CANDIDATE IN JOKADU BY-ELECTION, MAY 11, WON SEAT OVER NCP CHALLENGER BY WIDE MARGIN. ELECTION IN JOKADU HAD BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO DEATH OF ONE CANDIDATE DURING CAMPAIGN PRIOR TO GENERAL ELECTION, APRIL 4-5. VICTORY RAISES GOVERNMENT MAJORITY IN PARLIAMENT TO 28 SEATS, WITH 6 SEATS HELD BY OPPOSITION, AND ANOTHER BY-ELECTION FOR 35TH SEAT (BANJUL CENTRAL) SCHEDULED FOR MAY 25.

2. WINNER IS DR. MOMODOU MANNW AN ASPIRING YOUNG POLITICIAN, US EDUCATED, WHO HOLDS PHD DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM RUTGERS UNIVERSITY.

3. NEW PARLIAMENT MET MAY 3 AND 4 IN INITIAL SESSION. HOUSE VOTED SIR ALIEU JACK AS SPEAKER, REPLACING DR. S.O. JONES. JACK HAD SERVED AS SPEAKER FOR 10 YEARS PRIOR TO 1972, AND WAS MINISTER OF WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS IN LAST GOVERNMENT.

4. PRESIDENT JAWARA HAS REAPPOINTED TWO NOMINATED MEMBERS
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OF PARLIAMENT, WHILE NAMING TWO NEW FIGURES, INCLUDING DISTINGUISHED WOMAN. HOLDOVERS ARE M.L. SAHO, WHO CONTINUES AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND JALLOW SANNEH, WHO HAS BEEN ELEVATED TO PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES. NEWCOMER IS MRS. LOUISE N'JIE, RECENTLY RETIRED AFTER 35 YEARS IN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. A VIGOROUS, FORTHRIGHT WOMAN, MRS. N'JIE WILL PIONEER

WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN THE HOUSE (SHE RECEIVED IV GRANT IN 1975,
FOLLOWING HER ATTENDANCE AT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR
CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY). SHE WILL BE ONLY WOMAN MP.
FOURTH NOMINATED MEMBER IS ALHAJI BADARA JENG OF KAUR. WYGANT

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